

President Grant's father is dead.

The Terrible Banner says: "As to the charge of embezzlement against Bentley—we say hosh!"

The Donaldsonville Chief contemplates adopting the patent outside system. Do not do it young man.—Crescent City.

Why not, old boss?

In the grand international billiard tournament recently held in New York city, Albert Gardner carried off the first prize, Cyrille Dion the second, and Mons. Ubassy the third.

The Natchitoches Times corrects the statement of the Chief that it has lost its contract for the parish printing, and says it never had a printing contract.

Postage will be prepaid upon all copies of the Chief sent in exchange to journals that have adopted the same rate.

Newspaper Changes.—The Brashear News has been enlarged and improved and will assume a leading position among the live journals of the State.

The Carroll Lake Republican will shortly be issued semi-weekly. The Republican is decidedly one of the best newspapers in Louisiana.

The old New Orleans Advocate, leading organ of the M. E. Church South, has been revived under the title of Southwestern Advocate.

When the St. John Pioneer says that the editor of the Chief was appointed Tax Collector "against the earnest protestation of the Republicans of Ascension parish," it manufactures a falsehood out of whole cloth.

The Science of Health for July is the first of its second year. It is a most practical and useful magazine, devoted to the best interests of the people.

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THE LOUISIANA PRESS CONVENTION.

In response to a call issued by Mr. W. C. Annis of the Baton Rouge Gazette-Comet for the holding of a convention of Louisiana editors and publishers, the representatives of seventeen newspapers assembled at the Harney House in Baton Rouge yesterday and organized themselves into such a convention.

The session was continued until today, when the labors of the convention were completed, and a permanent organization formed under the title of the Press Association of Louisiana, which adjourned to meet in the city of Baton Rouge on the 23rd day of October next.

In next issue we shall publish a complete synopsis of the proceedings of both the Press Convention and the Press Association.

After the adjournment of the Association, the members attended a grand banquet in the dining hall of the Harney House, which was prepared in their honor by the municipal authorities and citizens of Baton Rouge.

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kins-Picayune libel suit, in which Judge Cooley figured as leading counsel for plaintiff. The challenge was sent by Mr. Rhett and at once accepted, double-barreled shot-guns, loaded with single ball, being chosen as the weapon.

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 28, 1873.

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citizen. Your correspondent has had some experience in living in Washington, and he is prompt to assert that he can find just as good boarding as any man's wants require for thirty dollars per month or less.

Mr. Carpenter says that such things are necessary in order to retain influence. It has been the general impression that Senator Carpenter's vast influence was gained and retained by virtue of the great intellect that all will admit he possesses and not because of the style he assumes.

But he says our legislators should be paid equally with men of the same amount of ability in other pursuits, and cites the cases of Senator Howe and his brother, one at \$7,500 in the Senate, the other at \$12,000 in the service of a railroad company.

Rich developments are expected from the great libel suit of Shepherd vs. Dana. The plaintiff is Alexander R. Shepherd, president of the Board of Public Works of the District of Columbia.

On the 10th of the present month an article appeared in the Sun dated at Washington, June 9, headed "Credit Mobilier No. 2; The Washington Ring and the Metropolitan Paving Company; The influence of Congressmen purchased with Stock; Robbing of People and cheating a dead man's Estate; The Huntington Suit," in which Mr. Shepherd was charged with being a stock-holder in the Metropolitan Paving Company and exercising control of its affairs notwithstanding he had sworn before a Congressional investigating committee that he had no interest in it and nothing whatever to do with its affairs.

The case excites a great deal of interest here, and various opinions are expressed as to the probable result of the trial. It is to be hoped that one result will be bringing into some sort of shape, or else dispelling forever, the dark rumors that have been floating around in this city for a year or more concerning frauds committed by the Board of Public Works.

There is nothing in the Sun article that has not been freely spoken in this city for many months. Even more and worse things are said, but they have never found their way into a paper in the city that has not, from about the beginning of the fight between the people and the Board, taken the side of the latter.

gers of the public improvements in this city. One of the greatest outrages the people have ever had to endure consists in being compelled to keep silence. Not a public journal would publish their complaints. Of course those who wanted to make complaints and were thus debarred from doing so have concluded that the newspapers have been bought.

However, as between Shepherd and Dana, public sentiment outside of this city will be against Dana simply because he is known to be a professional black-mauler and libeler. On the whole, it is rather a recommendation to a man to have been accused of corruption by the Sun.

The report of the Commissioner of Agriculture for June, 1873, contains an article on the "Deterioration of American Cotton." From statistical and other information Mr. Watts finds that the quality of the cotton now grown is quite inferior to that produced twelve years ago.

The same report informs us that "the total of wheat imported by Great Britain in the first four months of 1873 was 12,296,088 cwts., an increase of 1,265,889 cwts. over the corresponding months of 1872."

The total of wheat flour imported into that kingdom during the same period was 2,453,006 cwts., being an increase of 1,550,208 for the import in 1872, of which 280,731 cwts. were from this country, against 181,265 in 1872.

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